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1. QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR ASIA DUZER SAID THAT THE GOF HAS NO INTENTION AT THIS TIME OF ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA. RECOGNITION IS NOT EVEN UNDER CONSIDERATION IN THE QUAI. HOWEVER, THE GOF HAS NEVER TIED ITS WILLINGNESS TO RECOGNIZE THE DPRK TO SOCIALIST COUNTRIES' RECOGNITION OF THE ROK, AND HAS NOT EVEN HINTED AT SUCH A POSSIBILITY TO DPRK NEGOTIATORS OR TO BLOC DIPLOMATS.

2. AS WE HAD BEEN TOLD BY THE KOREANS (REF B), DUZER SAID THAT THE NORTH KOREANS HAD QUITE SUDDENLY ACCEPTED FRENCH COUNTERPROPOSALS ABOUT THEIR MISSION IN FRANCE. THE NEW AGREEMENT WILL PROVIDE FOR THE NAME "REPRESENTATION COMMERCIALE" WHICH CLEARLY SHOWS THAT IT IS A DPRK GOVERNMENT OFFICE. THERE ARE OTHER PRIVILEGES SUCH AS DUTY FREE ENTRY OF GOODS ETC. WHICH GOF ACCORDED. THESE CHANGES ARE VERY CLOSE TO IMPLEMENTATION.

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DUZER STRESSED THAT THESE CHANGES ARE MINOR AND VERY

MUCH SHORT OF PERMITTING A DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENT.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE GOF HAS APPARENTLY NOT USED THE ARGUMENT OF SOCIALIST RECIPROCITY, THE USE OF THE ARGUMENT BY OTHER EC COUNTRIES PROBABLY LEAVES PYONG YANG IN NO DOUBT OF THE GENERAL GROUNDS OF THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES' REFUSAL TO MOVE MORE RAPIDLY ON RELATIONS WITH THE DPRK.

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